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FOR AF/EX

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SUBJ: VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

REF: ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING BOOK FOR AMBASSADOR LOW DATED
MAY 6, 1977; STATE 152574

1. POST GRATEFUL FOR EFFORTS OF AF/EX IN RESOLVING ADMINISTRATIVE
PROBLEMS MENTIONED IN BRIEFING BOOK UNDER REFERENCE.

A. PLEASE REQUEST OPR/ST TO PURCHASE CHEVROLET BLAZER WITH
ROLL BAR AND REMOVABLE ROOF FOR MSG VEHICLE.

B. ADDITIONAL C&R POSITION SHOULD BE JUNIOR TO PRESENT C&R
SUPERVISOR.

2. LEASING OF TRANSIENT QUARTERS. THERE ARE ONLY TWO HOTELS
USED BY THE EMBASSY IN LUSAKA. THE INTERCONTINENTAL REPORTS
A 97 PERCENT OCCUPANCY RATE YEAR ROUND. APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT
OF THE SPACE IN THESE HOTELS IS OCCUPIED ON A SEMI-PERMANENT
BASIS BY EXPATRIATES WHO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE GRZ AND ARE
WAITING FOR GOVERNMENT-PROVIDED HOUSING. RESERVATIONS AT THESE
HOTELS ARE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AT THE BEST OF TIMES AND IMPOSSIBLE
WHenever ONE OF THE FREQUENT CONFERENCES TAKES PLACE IN LUSAKA OR
A VISITING HEAD OF STATE IS IN TOWN. ON THESE OCCASIONS, RESIDENTS
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AT THE HOTEL ARE SUMMARILY TURNED OUT OF THEIR ROOMS TO MAKE WAY
FOR IMPORTANT VISITORS. WE HAVE AT POST TODAY FIVE TDYERS AND TWO
WASHINGTON VISITORS; THIS IS ABOUT AVERAGE. WITHOUT THE
TEMPORARY GUEST HOUSE NOW BEING USED, FOUR OF THE SEVEN WOULD HAVE
TO BE LODGED IN THE HOMES OF STAFF MEMBERS. WE DO NOT SEE THE HOTEL
SITUATION IMPROVING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. A NEW HOTEL, SCHEDULED
FOR COMPLETION IN FEBRUARY 1977, WILL NOW NOT OPEN UNTIL AUGUST 1978

AT THE EARLIEST. LEASING OF TRANSIENT QUARTERS FOR TDYERS IS THE
ONLY ALTERNATIVE WE HAVE FOR GUARANTEEING HOUSING FOR VISITING
OFFICIAL PERSONNEL.
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